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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 5392

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, BG

SUBJECT: TROUBLE IN BANGLADESH: ZIA IN, MOSHARRAF OUT

REF: (A) DACCA 5389; (B) DACCA 5390 (NOTAL)

1. TROOPS LOYAL TO OUSTED CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF, MAJOR
GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN, MOVED AGAINST HIS SUCCESSOR, NEWLY
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PROMOTED MAJOR GENERAL KHALID MOSHARRAF AT APPROXIMATELY

0100 THIS MORNING (NOVEMBER 7). THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE GUNFIRE, PUNCTUATED BY MORTAR BLASTS, AT THE DACCA CANTONMENTS AS THE NIGHT PASSED. SHORTLY BEFORE 0400 RADIO BANGLADESH ANNOUNCED THAT ZIAUR RAHMAN HAD BEEN NAMED CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR, THUS TAKING OVER CONTROL OF BANGLADESH.

2. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT OF MILITARY THROUGHOUT DACCA. TROOPS HAVE BEEN IN HEAVY EVIDENCE IN OUTLYING GULSHAN, WHICH LIES PARALLEL TO THE DACCA CANTONMENT. OTHER TROOPS HAVE BEEN MOVING THROUGH THE CITY. WE DO NOT RPT NOT YET KNOW WHAT RESISTANCE MAY HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED FROM FORCES LOYAL TO MOSHARRAF. WE SUSPECT, AS OF THIS MOMENT, THAT IT COULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVE. FROM THE EMBASSY WE CAN, AT THIS MOMENT (0620) SEE LARGE NUMBERS OF TRUCKS FILLED WITH SOLDIERS WHO ARE FIRING INTO THE AIR AS THEY ARE ACCALIMED BY JUBILANT CROWDS. THIS MORNING'S PUTSCH SEEMS TO HAVE AROUSED A DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM NOT RPT NOT OBSERVED ON EITHER AUGUST 15 OR NOVEMBER 3.

3. ZIA HAS JUST BROADCAST A BRIEF ADDRESS IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE ARMED SERVICES AND THE PEOPLE HAD CALLED UPON HIM TO SERVE AS CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED THIS RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS THAT OF CHIEF OF ALL ARMED FORCES. AFTER STATING HIS INTENTION TO FULFILL HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, HE URGED ALL BANGALEES TO GET ON WITH THEIR WORK, STRESSING THAT PORTS, FACTORIES, SHOPS, TRANSPORT MUST CONTINUE TO FUNCTION.

4. IT NOW SEEMS QUITE CERTAIN THAT KHALID MOSHARRAF IS DEAD.

5. FOR RECIPIENTS OF REFTELS: DACCA 5389 WAS READIED FOR TRANSMISSION AT 0300 LOCAL AND DACCA 5390 AT 0400 LOCAL. TRANSMISSION WAS DELAYED BY ATMOSPHERIC INTERFERENCE.

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